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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 2-8, 10-13, 15, 16	YES
	Claims 1, 9, 14	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 2-8, 10-13	YES
	Claims 1, 9, 14-16	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-16	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents identified in the International Search Report have been considered for the purposes of this report:

(i)	US 4573633	(v)	US 2944719
(ii)	WO 2000/053505	(vi)	US 4114797
(iii)	US 4371110	(vii)	US 4208007
(iv)	US 4260098	(viii)	WO 1998/017539

Novelty (N) Claims 1, 9, 14

- Claim 1:** All of the features defined in this claim are explicitly disclosed in citation (i). For example, Figures 1 and 4-9 of this citation disclose a paperboard baking and shipping tray having a rectangular base (12) with side walls (18, 20) and end walls (14, 16). The corners of the tray include locking assemblies (36, 44, 46) that retain the end walls and side walls in upright positions with the corners being straight and square.
- Claim 9:** All of the features defined in this claim are also explicitly disclosed in citation (i). For example, Figure 2 of this citation discloses a paperboard blank including a base panel (12), side wall panels (18, 20) adjoining base panel (12) and end wall panels or base flaps (22) also adjoining base panel (12). Each side wall panel includes side wall flaps (34) which are adapted to interact with the base flaps and wherein the base flaps and side wall flaps include the locking assembly (36, 44, 46).
- Claim 14:** All of the features defined in this claim are also disclosed in citation (i). At column 1, lines 7-25 of this citation there is a clear description of the tray being used for baking and transporting cake or the like.

Inventive Step (IS) Claims 1, 9, 14-16

Claims 1, 9, 14: see above.

Claims 15, 16: The minor features added to claim 14 by each of these claims are not explicitly disclosed in citation (i). However, citation (i) when combined with citation (iii), as would be obvious to a relevant person skilled in the art, discloses all of the features of these claims. Therefore, claims 15, 16 lack an inventive step.

Claims 2-8, 10-13: No individual citation, nor obvious combination of citations, discloses all of the features defined in each of these claims. These claims are therefore novel and involve an inventive step.